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Encl: (1) COMFITWING ONE Command History for Calendar Year 1985
(2) Biography of CAPT D. L. McCrory
(3) Photo of CAPT D. L. McCrory

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted.

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COMFITWING ONE COMMAND HISTORY

Calendar Year 1985

1. Basic Historical Narrative

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
7 FEB	Fighter Wing ONE change of command. CAPT R. Cash, Jr. relieved by CAPT D. L. McCrory.
7 FEB	Attack Squadron FORTY-FIVE redesignated Fighter Squadron FORTY-FIVE by order of Chief of Naval Operations.
11-14 FEB	SEABAT 2-85 (large scale fleet air defense electronic warfare exercise) conducted off the Virginia Capes.
22 FEB	Fighter Squadron THIRTY-ONE change of command. CDR J. C. Burch relieved by CDR F. G. Ludwig.
X 2 APR	Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE change of command. CDR R. D. Cloyes relieved by CDR E. J. Simmons.
12 APR	Fighter Squadron THIRTY-THREE change of command. CDR R. A. Burnett relieved by CDR C. W. Hoffman.
29 APR	Arrival of Israeli KFIR F-21A aircraft at Fighter Squadron FORTY-THREE
✓ 3 MAY	Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED THREE change of command. CDR S. A. Montgomery, III relieved by CDR R. E. Myers.
13-16 MAY	SEABAT 3-85 conducted off the Virginia Capes.
13 JUN	Fighter Squadron THIRTY-TWO change of command. CDR J. C. Sherlock relieved by CDR A. M. Gemmill.
20 JUN	Fighter Squadron FORTY-ONE change of command. CDR D. M. Williams relieved by CDR J. A. Seddon.
19 JUL	Fighter Squadron FORTY-FIVE change of command. CDR J. J. Ryan relieved by CDR P. B. Westby-Gibson.
19 AUG	Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO change of command. CDR M. A. Ostertag, II relieved by CDR J. M. Lyle.
23 AUG	Fighter Squadron FORTY-THREE change of command. CDR J. B. Hodge relieved by CDR P. C. Burggren.
✓ 31 AUG	Fighter Squadron EIGHTY-FOUR change of command. CDR J. W. Craine, Jr. relieved by CDR R. E. Kennedy.

Enclosure (1)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
10-13 SEP	SEABAT 4-85 conducted off the Virginia Capes.
11 OCT	Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ONE change of command. CDR L. L. Ernst relieved by CDR J. F. Manning, Jr.
21-25 OCT	SEABAT 1-86 conducted off the Virginia Capes.
12 DEC	Fighter Squadron ELEVEN change of command. CDR K. E. Shean relieved by CDR M. D. Robinson.
27 DEC	Fighter Squadron SEVENTY-FOUR change of command. CDR K. C. Burgess relieved by CDR M. F. Rioux

2. Command Organization

a. Commander. 1 Jan - 7 Feb: CAPT Roy Cash, Jr., USN. 7 Feb - 31 Dec: CAPT Donald L. McCrory, USN.

b. Mission of Command. The Commander Fighter Wing ONE has overall responsibility for those squadrons and units assigned and for the continuing material readiness and type training of all fleet fighter squadrons on the Atlantic coast. These units consist of 12 fleet squadrons, one fleet replacement squadron, two adversary squadrons and one Fleet Composite Squadron. Although this basic responsibility extends throughout the employment cycle of individual fleet squadrons, direct management control is exercised by the Wing Commander only when these squadrons are shorebased at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia.

c. Command Relationship. Commander, Fighter Wing ONE reports to Commander, Tactical Wings Atlantic. COMFITWING ONE has been assigned to act as Commander, Fleet Air Detachment Administration of Naval Air Station Oceana and coordinates activities within the command areas.

3. Safety. During calendar year 1985, Fighter wing ONE squadrons flew in excess of 68,000 flight hours without a Class "A" mishap. This is the first time a tactical wing has completed an entire calendar year without a major mishap. Additionally, of the 16 squadrons within the wing, 12 squadrons experienced no greater than a Class "C" mishap.

4. Awards. The following personnel were awarded Navy Achievement Medals in calendar year 1985.

None.

CAPTAIN DONALD L. MCCRORY
COMMANDER FIGHTER WING ONE

Captain Donald L. McCrory was born in (b) (6) raised in (b) (6), and attended the University of Illinois for one year before entering the United States Naval Academy, from which he graduated in June 1963. After receipt of his Bachelor of Science degree and his commission as an Ensign, he entered flight training and received his designation as a naval aviator in January 1965, at Beeville, TX.

After completing F-4 readiness training with VF-101, he reported to VF-32 in February 1966 at NAS Oceana, VA. He then deployed aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVA 42) to WESTPAC in June 1966 and made a Mediterranean deployment in May 1967.

After selection in September 1968, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at NAS Patuxent River, MD, in June 1969. He then served with the Weapons System Test Division until August 1971 as Project Officer for the F-14 aircraft and AWG-9/AIM-54 Weapons Systems.

After completion of replacement pilot training with VF-101, he again reported to VF-32 in December 1971. During this tour, he served as Operations and Maintenance Officer and was instrumental in the squadron receipt of the CNO Aviation Safety Award for 1972.

He was then assigned to VX-4 at NAS Pt. Mugu, CA, from January 1974 to August 1976. As the Fighter Tactics Development Project Officer, he made significant contributions of importance for the entire fighter community. Subsequent to serving as Chief Projects Officer at VX-4, he was assigned as Aircraft Handling Officer aboard the USS Constellation (CV 64) from September 1976 until October 1977.

After completing F-14 readiness training with VF-101, he again reported to VF-32 for tours as Executive Officer from June 1978 to October 1979 and Commanding Officer from November 1979 to April 1981. Following CAG training he was Commander, Carrier Air Wing SEVEN aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) from March 1982 to July 1983.

Captain McCrory served a short tour on the staff Commander Naval Air Force Atlantic as the Air Wing Training Officer prior to reporting to the Secretary of the Navy's staff in January 1984. In this most recent tour he served as the TACAIR and Carrier programs analyst in the Office of Program Appraisal.

Captain McCrory has accumulated 4,000 flight hours and over 1,100 carrier landings in F-4 and F-14 aircraft. He is married to the former (b) (6). They reside in the (b) (6).

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Enclosure (2)

